

No. 8019 第千八百一十九號 日九會月七未癸緒光 HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1883. 五拜禮 號一十三月八英港香 [PRICE \$2] PER MONTH

INTIMATIONS.

"PINKING."

AND

"PIKING."

Captain G. Hoernemann, will be despatched above FORT-TO-MORROW, the 31st at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
S. SIEMSEN
HONGKONG, 30th August, 1883.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.
LIMITED.

ROR AMOY AND TAIWAN
The Company's Steamship

"ALDAY."

Captain Goddard, will be despatched above FORT-TO-MORROW, the 1st at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIR
General
HONGKONG, 31st August, 1883.

UNITED LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
THE Steamship
"EUPHRATES,"
Captain Mitchell, will be despatched
above Port on or about TUESDAY
September.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.,
Hongkong, 31st August 1883.

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Steamer
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FOR YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship
"SELEMBRIA,"
Captain Fowler, due at about
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patch Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL
Humphreys, 30th August, 1883.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAM-
SHIP
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
THE Steamship
"MERIONETHSHIRE"
Williams, Comander, will sail
7th September.

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SINGAPORE.

ADAMSON, BROS.
Agents.
Hongkong, 31st August, 1883.

PRYER RIVER DOCK CO.
LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for the A
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September, 1883.
Letters to be addressed to

Penang, 20th August, 1888.

FOR SALE.

THAT large Plot of GROUND, about 60 mow and known as "The BUILDINGS Compound," with buildings thereon, situated close vicinity to the business part of the town, and is well adapted for Junior HONG, with the usual C. are built in a most substantial and being in perfect repair. They are fully laid out Grounds, shaded with Bamboo, and command a fine view and shipping.

For Particulars, apply to Messrs. BEMSSON at Hongkong & Shanghai.

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Mr. A. REIS, at Swatow
Messrs. DIECK
Swatow, 28th August, 1883.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE LIST OF APPLICATION

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MEETING in the Evening, at the Pavilion, at 8 o'clock, on the 29th September, at the request of the Executive and a Committee to discuss some business that some Gentlemen have been requested to attend for the purpose of their professional services.

(H. O. K. C. C.)

Office, 1892-3.

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STATIONERS AND PRINTER.

NOTICE.

LESSEES of LOTS on the 10th SEPTEMBER, 1883. H. M. CONSULATE. HONGKONG.

THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON FREE PORTS AND DOCK TRUST, is hereby requested to pay the sums of their several Lots as Annual Rates, H. M. Consulate on or before the 10th September, 1883.

ALL Lots on which Ground Rents are due on the 4th September next, are to be paid on or before the 10th September next, and are to be paid on or before the 10th September next, and are to be paid on or before the 10th September next.

H. M. Consulate.

Canton, 27th August 1883.

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) is now due on the 10th September, 1883, to the Mortgagee, H. M. Consulate, on or before the 10th September next, and are to be paid on or before the 10th September next.

H. M. Consulate.

Canton, 27th August 1883.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
have received the following new Goods.

WASHING MACHINES AND TUBS.
SILK HOSIERY. Newest Patterns.
ENTERTAINMENT'S SHIRTS. For Summer.
LAWN TENNIS SHIRTS AND HATS.
FAMOUS FRENCH BOOTS AND SHOES.
CHRISTIE'S FINEST HATS. New Shapes.
THE "CLIMATE" UMBRELLA. (Guaranteed to be water proof).
THE "ACME" RAIN COAT. (Ventilated and thoroughly waterproof).
TRAVELLING TRUNKS.
AIR-TIGHT UNIFORM CASES.
PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.
ASHENBURY HAMMOCKS.
PUMPHREY. from the best London Makers.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.
Kowloon, 15th August, 1893.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.
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CHURCHISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.
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DAUGHTER'S BATHING.
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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.
Correspondents are requested to forward their names and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Advertisements and subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until terminated.
Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. the day of publication.
After that hour the supply is limited.
Communications on editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, AUGUST 31st, 1893.

In continuation of our remarks of yesterday the question arises: Is this so-called Blockade of Hongkong merely a consequence of China's desire to protect her legitimate revenue, or is it not rather part of an elaborate scheme to obtain the retrocession of the island by any means whatever, fair or unfair?

This latter and it is to be feared correct view of the question was, we believe, first mooted by the late Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY previously to his departure from the Colony. The first and chief reliance of the enemies of Hongkong appears to be the casting of obloquy on British merchants and the inhabitants of the Colony generally, thus bringing us into contempt, as it were, as defendants instead of as complainants, which should bear legitimate position. During the early part of the year 1872 it was currently reported in Canton that LIE the Viceroy, the late Sir J. L. L. had subscribed funds for a political newspaper, and that a gentleman would proceed to London to keep up an agitation in England in Chinese Government interests. The only outcome of this agitation in London, which at present appears above the surface, would seem to be the late-mentioned League. The assertions of the mistaken philanthropists, who are, it is to be feared, in some instances merely dupes of more designing men, have been so ably dealt with by Mr. W. H. BAKERMAN in his work on the subject that we do not here feel called upon to say anything in refutation of the blatant falsehoods and vile calumnies which have been so industriously circulated against the British merchants of Hongkong, further than this, that opinion is smothered by Chinese after their own peculiar method, which is indigenous to the country, that opinion has been used in China from time immemorial, and that the opinion smothered in districts so close to Hongkong as Tamsui, Wai-shan and Kwai-shan, where the people are most confused and inveterate opinion smotherers is almost wholly native drug. British merchants came to China and there found a demand which, in obedience to those invariable laws of demand and supply which regulate commercial transactions, they tried to satisfy. Hence the British Indian opium trade. British merchants go on peacefully trading for a time although much and gradually increasing molestation, until some of them are brutally murdered and hacked to pieces by the villagers of Wai-shan-kan, a place near Canton. Then follows a war, the true cause of which the philanthropists attribute, possibly from ignorance of the subject, say nothing about; and it is a noteworthy fact that, when philanthropists of the same class were thirsting for the blood of the kindly-hearted Governor ERASER after his suppression of the late Jamaica Rebellion, nothing whatever was said of the murder and subsequent mutilation of Legislative Councilors in their Court house; the stir being wholly with reference to the hanging of a missionary *protégé*, who, although caught red-handed in the act of rebellion had a lengthy trial lasting over a fortnight before he received his fatal dose. But to return to our original subject, the Blockade of Hongkong. Granted the Chinese have a right to protect their revenue and also to establish Custom stations on their own territory, yet it is patent that they have no right to tax our provisions, or harass the persons supplying Hongkong with the common necessities of life, especially after agreeing not to do so, and the least which H. E. Governor BOWEN should do is to immediately limit upon the immunity from taxation of all kinds of provisions, including that staple production of the opposite mainland, ground nut, and also sugar, once, sweet potatoes, and livestock; not only being largely used by the Chinese as articles of food, might as well, we think, be fairly included

in the category. As to the entire removal of the Customs stations and cordon of cruisers, while recognising China as an independent nation, with the right to control the doing of her own nationals, we fear that is a feat which diplomacy can hardly be expected to accomplish, but when export duties are levied on goods leaving a British colony such as Hongkong, or import duties collected on produce entering it, then we submit the time has come for an exhibition of force; diplomacy avails nothing with a people who have so little respect for the commonest amenities of international courtesy that they constantly capture vessels within the waters of the Colony, and even occasionally murder the inmates. As if this were not sufficient aggression, piling upon upon Osm, leaping injury upon insult, they have now, it reports to be, reduced the *terra firma* of our Colony into a state of siege by despatching an armed party and under our very noses, lighted in their doing by our own gas lights, bound and dragged two unfortunate wretches through the public streets of Hongkong, the Queen's highway, down to their own war vessel, and thence from what should be the safe asylum of free British soil, to torture and probable execution by decapitation in the Chinese city of Canton. Into the merits of this last case we will not go; even were the men criminals of the blackest dye, which it is more than probable they were not, the Chinese officials have no colour of right whatever for their high handed proceedings of Tuesday morning last. The British Government is marvellously long-suffering, but there is a limit to their forbearance, and that limit has surely been reached.

The Agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) inform us that the Union Liners *Sambora*, from London, left Singapore for this port on Wednesday evening, and may be expected to arrive on the 3rd September.

The London *Globe* states that on the morning of the 27th ult. the *Princess of Wales* (First Battalion, now stationed at Dublin), was shot down by Private Wilson, of the same regiment. Wilson has been arrested.

By the English mail there arrived Surgeon General, R.N., to relieve Surgeon General, who went home in the P. and O. steamer *Barossa* on the 24th ult. Surgeon General, who was also a passenger by the same steamer, on his way to Ceylon.

From Messrs. Thos. Watson & Co.'s report, dated 24th ult., we learn that the export of tea from that port to Great Britain from 1st January to 31st July was 18,840,505 lbs., as compared with 17,855,634 lbs. in the same period last year, and 18,278,703 lbs. in the corresponding seven months of 1891.

The following telegram was received by the Government yesterday from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Batavia:—"In consequence of volcanic eruption at Mount Merapi, the Southern Batavia branch of the railway line has been closed for some days. The eruption has caused considerable damage to the railway line, and the Government are endeavouring to repair the damage as quickly as possible. The eruption has also caused considerable damage to the surrounding country, and the Government are endeavouring to assist the sufferers as far as possible. The eruption has also caused considerable damage to the surrounding country, and the Government are endeavouring to assist the sufferers as far as possible."

The London & China Express of the 29th ult. says:—"Many of our readers in Japan will hear with much regret of the death of Mr. Chapman, formerly of Tokyo, where his husband died some years ago. Mr. Chapman was a member of the Imperial College of Engineering. The deceased lady was one of the few few number of English women who have devoted themselves to the study of medicine in Japan. She was a member of the band of pioneers who, with Miss J. Blake and others, attended the medical classes in 1870 in Yokohama, from which they were ultimately expelled. She was a member of the band of pioneers who, with Miss J. Blake and others, attended the medical classes in 1870 in Yokohama, from which they were ultimately expelled. She was a member of the band of pioneers who, with Miss J. Blake and others, attended the medical classes in 1870 in Yokohama, from which they were ultimately expelled."

Some excitement was occasioned at Singapore on the 20th inst. by the arrival of the steamer *Glennary*, of the Glen line, which arrived from Hongkong, on account of the finding of some chests of opium in the possession of the Chinese crew of that steamer. The Agent of the Opium Farm, under the advice of his counsel, was not disposed to press the case, and asked to be allowed to withdraw it. The Inspector General of Police contended that under the law the Magistrate was bound to seize the vessel, and that no option was given him. Eventually it was pointed out to the Inspector General that the vessel was a private property, and that the vessel could not be seized, and as there was no prosecution with regard to the bandits he could not commit, and therefore the steamer was free to proceed on her voyage. The case of the vessel said he always made it a rule to search the men's quarters for opium, but the small quantity had been concealed so that he could not detect it. 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